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1. SUMMARY: GON VOICES STRONG SUPPORT FOR NEW PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE PUSHING FOR CONCRETE AID PROGRAMS. END
SUMMARY.

2. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL LOST NO TIME IN SHOWING
GON SUPPORT FOR NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT BY VISITING LISBON,
WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE NAMING OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT,
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TO CONFER WITH HIS NEW COLLEAGUE MELO ANTUNES. BEFORE DEPARTING

FOR LISBON SEPT 20, VAN DER STOEL TOLD PRESS THAT THE EC-9 SHOULD NOW PLAN AND SET IN MOTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A CONCRETE AID PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL. THE GON, ACCORDING TO VAN DER STOEL, WOULD STRONGLY URGE THIS COURSE OF ACTION WITHIN THE EC-9.

3. HE INDICATED THAT, IN THE EVENT EC-9 COULD NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMON AID PROGRAM, NETHERLANDS MIGHT PROCEED ON A PURELY BILATERAL BASIS.

4. COMMENT: AS HE DID IN GREECE, VAN DER STOEL HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS STRONG, PRINCIPLED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN ANOTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY. HE HAS ALSO SHOWN AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF POLITICAL TIMING BY SANDWICHING HIS LISBON VISIT IN JUST BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA. SEEMINGLY UNDETERRED BY PRACTICAL PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM PORTUGUESE DIFFICULTIES IN IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE AID PROJECTS (REFTEL), HE HAS FIRMLY PUT HIMSELF AND GON IN FOREFRONT AS CHAMPIONS OF DEMOCRACY, A STANCE WHICH WILL, OF COURSE, NOT HURT HIM ABROAD NOR HIS (LABOR) PARTY AT HOME.
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